

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Accessibility Guidelines

Section(s): 4.7.7, 4.29, 4.29.5, 4.25.6

Comments:

Clarify the suspension of detectable warnings and where they are required.

Question: Are detectable warnings required and where?

Response: Yes

Detectable warnings shall be provided at: curb ramps (4.7.7) hazardous vehicular areas (2.29.5) and reflecting pools (4.29.6). Other location that are reserved by the code are, doors to hazardous areas (4.29.3) and stairs (4.29.4)

The 1998 suspension has been lifted and shall apply to new construction or alterations occurring after re-instated and not apply to work undertaken during the period of suspension.

Detectable warnings are intended to alert pedestrians of an imminent hazard but are not designed as wayfinding devices. The most effective detectable warning shall provide, a unique texture distinct from other common surfaces in the environment adjoins or abuts the hazard to signal impending change and extends beyond the average stride length so that one can detect, understand and react to it before encountering the hazard.

The truncated domes specification shall be designed according to 4.29.2 and shall provide contrast in resilience or in sound when sensed with a cane. The domes and their matrix shall also provide strong visual contrast to adjacent pedestrian surfaces. (recommended, 70% light reflectance contrast)

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